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Non-English language documents BA and BB were cited in the International Preliminary Report on Patentability (IPRP) issued May 29, 2006, for the International PCT Application No. PCT/EP2004/007231. An English language copy of the IPRP is attached as document CA. A non-verified English language abstract of document BA is also attached.

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